Overview: LAAC Non-Partisan BD 5 Election Commitments and LA Charter Day of Action Proposal
November 15, 2018
Action Item for LAAC Vote

Background

The Los Angeles Advocacy Council (LAAC)'s engagement on local elections has been critical in securing wins in Board Districts 2, 4, and 6 that have led directly to overarching policy and change and support for education reform at LAUSD. The balance of power at LAUSD depends on how the vacancy in Board District 5 is filled. This election comes at a critical moment for the charter community statewide,

Objective

Leverage the united, bold voice and action of the LAAC to ensure that Board District 5 elects a candidates who puts students and families first by engaging in non-partisan civic engagement efforts.

Proposal

All LAAC members will:

- Promote the Board District 5 candidate forum taking place next Saturday, November 17, and will commit to promoting similar civic engagement and voter registration events as they are scheduled between now and the primary on March 5, 2019, and run-off on May 14, 2019.
- Join or renew with Charter Nation, with a priority for schools in Board District 5.
- Engage 2 other non-LAAC schools to do the same.

Additionally, the LAAC will unite to support a Los Angeles Charter Civic Engagement Day of Action the week of February 11-15. The LAAC will appoint a subcommittee to help steer the Day of Action, which may include the following, pending LAAC steering committee feedback and direction:

- Los Angeles charters uniting in voice and action to each:
  - Hosting voter registration drives prior to the BD 5 registration deadline.
  - Host an elected official or community group onto their campus to speak about the importance of voting and civic engagement, including the candidates for BD 5.
  - Share out myth-busting communications with their school community about charter schools, and non-partisan voter information about the BD 5 race.
  - Collect pledges to vote and commitments to engage others to be a charter-issue voter.

LAAC Vote

Approve and participate in BD 5 non-partisan activities, and direct CCSA staff to support establish an LAAC steering committee to identify the date and purpose for a charter community-wide Civic Engagement Day of Action prior to the March 5 BD 5 election.